

In getting ready to go to the November Meeting held at Bob Katz's home in Glenside I saw the early morning temperature at 34 deg. but the forecast was for an afternoon temp of 44 to 45. It would be a cold ride and I chose my Triumph Tiger 800 for the trip.

Leaving shortly after 10AM it was a bit chilly for a ride but there was no strong winds like October. I arrived at Bob's shortly after 11 and the neighborhood was parked full with cars and trucks. Pulled into the driveway and was surprised to see so many motorcycles parked around the garage. OH BUT WAIT! I recognize all of these bikes as Bob's! The only other rider was Dave Vezzosi on his Triumph T140. Well I guess everyone is getting older.

Went into the kitchen to get a giant cup of Dunkin's hot coffee and was greeted by the DVNR ladies chatting and catching up on each others activities. Several other members milling about near the coffee box. Then into the garage I go. Pat Dalosio was baking his engine cases in the nicest portable oven I have ever seen. Pat had removed one of his main bearings in the manner we discussed at the October mtg. The second half was baking away. After about 15 minutes Pat removed the crankcase half and with one mild tap on a piece of wood the second bearing fell to the ground without any external contact. This is exactly what is supposed to happen when removing main bearings!

After an inspection of the bearings by several of the experts, it was clear that the Combat did not have "super blend" main bearings which was recommended by Norton after many Combats blew up from bearing failure. The saga will continue after Pat comes to the reality that he will not find new bearings at a swap meet and he will need to open his crusty wallet and trade some cash for bearings.

President George called for everyone to move to the house and get lunch. Lunch was a delight with Lee's hoagies, hot meatballs for sandwiches, pulled pork for sandwiches and barbequed chicken in sauce for use in sandwich or other. Cookies were on the table which I assumed was desert but out of nowhere came pies and cheese cake. No one went hungry.

Our group was called to meeting by Pres George. The Christmas party was discussed. Frank Mohr stated that the C Party would be on Sat Dec 15 starting at 5 PM. Frank would supply and prepare the meats and attendees would bring the appetizers or side dishes or deserts. Call (215-266-9481) or email Frank via [dvnr@casano.com](mailto:dvnr@casano.com) to coordinate your contribution. Frank will approve or disapprove your contribution to avoid having 2 or 3 of the same thing. There is limited parking in the driveway so Frank suggested parking in the development off of North Wales Road. Parking on North Wales Road is not permitted. We will repeat the traditional Chinese Auction (sorry if this offends anyone but if it does you can take over the writing) with gifts related to Nortons or motorcycling. Gift prices have been in the range of \$20 to \$25. Participation is not required.

There was a decision made after the "Gathering" last year (few Norton riders there) that mileage to enter the long distance award would be the mileage turned in for the end of 2017. Mileage submitted to Dave Glover after the "Gathering" would also be entered.

Since it appears that there is little riding of Nortons (indicated by the lack of bikes in the driveway), you can turn your mileage into Dave Glover at any time (daglover1@verizon.net)

President George stated that we are going to try to reserve the Park @ WC for Sunday April 28 since the third Sunday, April 21 is Easter Sunday. Bob Katz stated that he had another vender in mind, Mission Barbeque, to provide food for the "Gathering". More information to follow after we secure the park.

Webmaster Bill Dudley presented a question the the membership. Bill stated that on the website calendar of events page he quit listing the name of the member who was hosting the meeting and listed only the town or city of the meeting. Bill felt that some members might have a privacy issue with using their name on the website. After discussion it was voted upon to list the first name of the host member along with the name of the municipality.

The 2019 INOA national rally was discussed briefly. The rally would be hosted by the Michigan Norton Owners in Brooklyn Michigan. Rally location is the Juniper Hills Campground. The date is June 24 to 27, Monday to Thursday and leave on Friday June 28. Note that this date is in June and not July. For information the Mid Ohio Vintage Days will be held on July 6 to 8. BMW owners mentioned that the MOA BMW rally will be held on June 13-15 in Lebanon, Tennessee.

At the conclusion deserts were put out and low and behold Rick Hill showed up. The group moved back to the garage to see Bob's Triumph T150 get started. Bob has been working on this bike for some time adding a TriSpark ignition and most recently 3 shinny new 27mm Amal Concetric carburetors. Kicking the beast to life began without results. A spray of either resulted in a very brief run. Sounded to me like it ran on all three cylinders so from my experience the ignition system was working. Many people tried to kick the machine with no results. One by one, the kickers limped away in disbelief.

I learned as a young teen that an internal combuston gasoline engine would only run with an air/fuel mixture between 12:1 to 15:1. Three sets of jets and a throttle slide cutaway along with proper fuel level in a concentric carb are responsible to hold these parameters. The T150's throttle slides are positioned by a rotating bar across top of the gantry. In my opinion this needs to be checked. Bernoulli's Principle is dependent on the velocity of air over the carburetors jets. If this is not right (slide too far closed or too far open) fuel will not be lifted into the combustion air stream. It will be interesting to follow this start up.

At the same time at the T150 start up, Dave Vezzosi's Triumph T140 was on another lift with a charging problem. Many opinions on the cure but nothing seemed to restore normal charging. The new Podtronics unit was suspect. Dave headed to home while the battery was still able to run the bike. Keep us informed Dave.

DVNR Christmas party next month.

Respectfully Submitted

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